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FIRST TEN CONTESTANTS

ARE SELECTED

The first ten contestants for the popularity contest as selected by a committee of teachers are:

Dorothy Harriman
Gilberta Luke
Beatrice Olsan
Dorothy McCarroll
Lucille Lang
Edith Wallis
Marjorie Beam
Ethelyn Colburn
Fern Grover
Theresa Judge

Other girls are to be selected by petitions signed by ten boys, ten girls one teacher and four other people connected with the high school in anyway. These petitions must be in before the Monday of the week that the next Spirit comes out, and the complete list will be given then, and the place and time of election announced.

If the interest seems to warrant it, the pictures of the four highest will be put in the annual, at least the girls will get a very prominent place.

Back your girl to the limit! If she isn't on yet, see about that petition, if she is, boost about her.

ATHLETIC DOPE

How many boys want to be athletes? Hands please. Well, since you want to be an athlete, which way do you figure on it is best to start? Peg along yourself, or let the best coaches in the country tell you how?

A bunch of high school boys figure just the way you figure, so they have been taking advantage of the best series of athletic talks ever given in the high school. Clyde Williams gave the talk when he talked on "What it takes to make an athlete." He started out with training. All year-round training. He advised the boys to cut out smoking entirely until they were of age. He said the man that does not train can get by for a certain time, but he has to pay dearly in the end. He cited several personal examples showing this fact. In training, he included over-eating,
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THRIFT STAMPS

Say, you: Obey those posters you see in the halls. Buy thrift stamps. Those quarters, that go to luxuries can do a great deal more good in Uncle Sam's possession. When your money and interest is paid back to you, the saving habit will have a pretty good hold on you and you'll thank the government for helping you save. The various classes are rivals in the campaign. At the time of printing the standing is as follows:

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Juniors	-----	\$41.39
Seniors	-----	\$8.00

Help your class.

VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT

The different teams drew to see who they should play. The 1st hour played the 4th hour and was defeated. The 2nd hour played one of the 5th hour teams and the latter emerged victorious. The 3rd hour was defeated by the other 5th hour team. This left the 4th hour and the two 5th hour teams to play in the finals. In the finals the 4th hour was defeated by one of the 5th hour teams and the same fifth hour team was defeated by the other 5th hour team. This left the 5th hour team of which Naomi Fitch is captain, the champion of the tournament

The line up of the champion team was:

Naomi Fitch (captain)
Millie Lerdall
Willamette Olson
Lillian Kelsoe
Carolyn Crosby
Ardella Pike

BOYS WORKING RESERVE

About forty boys have signed up for the "Working Reserve." That is surely helping carry out A. H. S. part in this war game. Uncle Sam has made an urgent call to the High School boys of America, and those forty Ames boys are showing the right spirit. They are to be praised for working hard to speed up in order to give Uncle Sam four or five

months of much needed labor. Don't sit in the shade all summer and play a "uke" but help your Uncle Sam.

ATHLETICS

After looking over the past, we find that the basketball season was fairly successful taking into consideration that all the team but two were new men. The first game of the season was lost to Boone on the local floor by the score of 11 to 7. The following game was with Toledo which was won by A. H. S. the score being 43 to 10. The "Old Grads" showed the local five that they could play the ball yet, by holding the score down to 34 to 23. The following week a trip was made to Boone in which the A. H. S. five lost again to Boone. Score being 21 to 6. Nevada was Ames' next victim. We beat them 35 to 21. Algona was the next game at Algona. They beat by a thirteen point margin, 46 to 33. The next game was lost to Missouri Valley in the tournament at the college. Score being 17 to 10. Though the scores after comparing were not to the advantage very much but we are proud to say we had a team that would fight from start to finish and they were always there with the fight.

The next year's team will suffer the loss of Innes who was able to out jump all his opponents and was able to shoot baskets. Savvain will also be sadly missed. The team will miss him because of his team work and basket shooting. Next year there will be Elliott, Scovel, Bennett, Cornelleiseen Hoon, Anderson and Thornburg who will bid well for a varsity that cannot be beaten.

One thing the team cannot overlook and that is the loyal backers of A. H. S. There was a loyal bunch to back the team every place they played. The fellows sure appreciated it and it was a great factor in winning the games they did. It also put the fight in the fellows so that they could give a scrap to opponents and make them win their points. It sure was a great support and never will be forgotten that the Old A. H. S. has some Pep.

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EDITORIAL

We are on the last lap of the school year and in many ways the hardest. This is certainly the time "when a feller needs a friend." The old spring fever is back on the job and is apt to sieze anyone. "Guess I won't study tonight, too nice. I worked hard so far so I'll let up a bit now, and slide in." Don't do that, stick close to your studies and play everything up in A1 Style. It pays. Try it.

Why We Should Have High School Dances.

For the last two years, the pupils and teachers have been trying to come together on some plan that will unite the student body and bring students and teachers closer together.

I firmly believe that High School dances under the control of the school would help to do this thing.

These dances would furnish enjoyment to a large per centage of the student body. They would furnish a place for High School students who care to dance, where there would be no question of bad influences. They would also be a means of getting the students better acquainted.

K. J.

MORE ATHLETICS FOR GIRLS

For a long time I have wondered why boys are so far ahead of girls in athletics. Now, I have come to a conclusion as to the reason for this. The girls have never had the backing that the boys have had. As Mr. Steffy says, "The girls are the ones who do all the rooting at the football and basketball games."

Still the boys laugh and say there is only "baby stuff" in a girls' basketball game. Just the other day, I heard a boy say that a girl does is to stand under the basket with no one near her, and toss the ball in. This may be partly true in playing by girls rules, but why do we need to play by girls' rules.

There must be some way to start more activities for girls. The volley ball tournament, which has just been completed, was the very thing for our high school. Possibly it has awakened the girls who really have the knack for such activities, but have never realized the fact. Then, too, maybe the boys have seen for themselves that girls can do some-

thing worth while in athletics as well as they can.

However if the boys do not care to support us, we will try and work out something by ourselves.

THAT ALL-HI DANCE

Where is that dance we were talking about- Is it going to be merely a topic of conversation? Why don't we take up that little saying about "No sooner said than done?" We have still a spark in the fire, are we going to smother it out with words, or put on some real fuel?

Let's have at least one All High Schools good time. There has been nothing of that kind all year, and the year is almost gone. Soon the Seniors will be so busy with their Class Play, and many graduating activities that they won't be able to go, if it isn't in the near future.

Suggestions for High School Dances

Why not have an informal dance in the Gym every Friday afternoon, 3:30 to 5:30, each class holding sway once a month, girls dancing with girls if they wanted to, and music to be furnished by either a piano or a small orchestra. Of course this would have variations, such as one class entertaining another, holding dances in the evenings at certain times, and possibly in another place, an invitation dance, masquerade dance, etc.

This idea is far from being original. Many people are already in favor of it. Won't you back it with a student opinion?

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The Slater Basket Ball team that was due to appear on the local floor last Friday cancelled the game, since two of their stars had left school. The Sophs were confident of trimming them again so are a little peevish at the cancelation.

Datus Proper, Norris Brintnall and Bill Davis, are spending the week at home. They have just returned from Honolulu, and are on their way to Fort Monroe, Va.

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NEWS

Margaret Sloss was not at school last Tuesday on account of a slight attack of appendicitis.

Lucile Nickles dislocated her toe playing Volley ball last week and was out of school for a number of days. Even yet we notice she limps.

Veronica and Bernard Morissey have been out of school for the last two weeks because their home is under quarantine for Small Pox.

Miss Fickle was taken seriously ill at school last Friday morning. She was taken to the teachers rest room as she could not stand the trip home.

Gertrude Sies entertained a number of girl friends at her home last Saturday night.

Miss Williams left last Friday for her home because of the illness of her father.

Miss Coffey and Miss Coskery spent last week end in Des Moines.

Lucile Lang and Ardella Pike motored to Nevada last Tuesday to see Mabel McCord.

The Y. W. C. A. was to have a meeting Thursday in the Auditorium but Miss Fisher who was to talk was ill, so the never daunted Y. W. girls planned a hike in less than five minutes and they had a fine time, too.

The Declamatory Contest was held at Rockwell City Friday, March 15th. The Judges gave first place in the Dramatic section to Irene McMillan of Manson, and second place to Frances Holm of Ames. However, when the averages were sent Thursday the judges found a mistake and gave Frances third place. It seems rather queer that competent judges couldn't get the correct average at first. They always get Ames mixed up some way in the Declamatory contest.

The juniors had a party in the Gym, Friday, March 22nd for the boys who leave after vacation to enter the Boys Working Reserve. Takes the Juniors to show the rest a little class spirit.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. is showing more than ever that it is a live organization in Ames High Thursday, March 14, a discussional meeting was held in the auditorium at 3:30 o'clock. The topic was "Handicaps For Girls" about seventy-five girls participated in a good discussion of this. Another meeting was planned for March 21st at which Miss Fisher was to talk on "Vocations For Girls." However, as she was unable to come the girls enjoyed a hike and a picnic instead.

We have been looking into the fu-

ture also and many good things for the rest of the year have been planned. Miss Fisher speaks April 4th, instead of March 21st as was previously announced and other discussional meetings will probably follow soon. An outdoor pageant may come in April or May, and hikes as well as other good times are being planned. So the Y. W. girls may look forward to plenty of enjoyment along with their regular work.

NEWS OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

The boys at the Great Lakes who were under quarantine have been given a two weeks vacation for recuperation.

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Spears (mothers of John Taylor and Arthur Spears) left the 20th for Camp Cody for a short visit.

Ted Nowlin who is at the Great Lakes, is reported to be improving slowly.

Only ten boys passed the last test for qualification in rapid firing given to the 109th Trench Mortar Battery. Among the "lucky ones" were three of our H. S. boys: George Dunlap,

Harold Seymour and Lawrence Murphy. The rate of firing was ten shots per minute.

The boys in France report that the weather is changing quite a little now and that they are having regular American weather.

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The 109th Trench Mortar Battery will use light trucks instead of motor cycles.

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LITERARY PROGRAM

Friday, March, the freshmen and sophomores held their literary program in the auditorium. Different subjects were chosen to be discussed by the pupils. This phase of the work would have been much more successful if more of the pupils would have volunteered to give their views on the different subjects. The sophomores won in the debate, but this was no fault of the freshmen for they certainly worked hard enough. Some people may think a literary program a joke, others may laugh, but most of us wish it would come once a week.

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and made the statement that more people die of over-eating than of starvation. When it comes to trying out for a team, keep yourself before the coach, make him notice you, is Clyde's advice. Be an all around athlete while in high school, don't develop just one kind of muscle, for when you find your special line in college athletics, you will have to be graceful and quick, is some more of his advice.

Ned Merriam speaking on "The average high school boy's chance of making good in College athletics," made the statement that every boy's chances were exceptionally good if the boy would work for a place on a team. He named three qualifications that all athletes must fill to be at their best—clean living, steady training and nerve. He placed nerve at the head of the list, and speaking largely about track said, that it took more nerve for the average fellow than football and wrestling because there was not the personal contact to urge the athlete on. He also boosted for clean living the whole year round, and used examples of athletes that had got by for a time with only training in season, and then having a sudden collapse. By steady training, he meant regular and hard exercise every day in the athletes special line. In taking up the average boy's chance he said that a good coach could develop almost everything but nerve.

Tonight, Rodgers of the Physical Training Department of the College, a man recognized everywhere as an expert on matters of building up the body, speaks on "BUILDING UP FOR ATHLETICS." 7:30. Open to all boys.

Jane Bell of Nevada was visiting in Ames with Alice McCarthy last Sunday.



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Miss Mills has been absent from A. H. S. for the last two weeks on account of the serious illness of her mother. We are all hoping she will be back after spring vacation and save the Seniors from destruction, especially the 7th hour class.

Rosella Carberry intends to motor to her home in Panora next week if the weather permits.

We have the Piano in the Gym., thanks to the girls.

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